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February 16, 1984

Phyllis Matteis
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Re: Advice Letter No. A-84-030

Dear Mrs. Matteis:

Thank you for your letter concerning the Political Reform Act of 1974. This Act is administered by the Fair Political Practices Commission. The Act imposes certain financial disclosure requirements on public officeholders and on candidates for elective office; however, it does not (despite the name of the Commission) impose standards of "fair political practices."

Senator Ray Johnson, as an incumbent legislator and independent candidate, is subject to the same financial disclosure requirements as any other legislator or legislative candidate. As an officeholder, he will have to file a personal financial disclosure statement (a "statement of economic interests") with the Commission on March 1, 1984. A copy of this statement can be obtained by writing or calling the Technical Assistance and Analysis Division of the Commission after March 1 (916/322-5662). As a candidate, he must also file campaign disclosure statements. His last statement should have been filed on or before January 31, 1984. His next statement is due on March 22, 1984. Copies of these statements can be obtained from the office of the Secretary of State in Sacramento, from the Registrar of Voters in San Francisco or Los Angeles, or from the Registrar in his county of residence (Butte County).

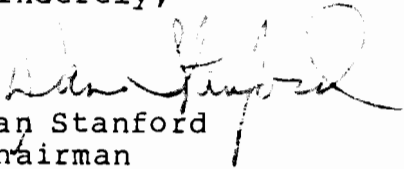
You also asked whether it is a "fair political practice" for a candidate to advertise that individuals who purchased tickets to a candidate's dinner are "supporters" of that candidate. The Political Reform Act does not impose any requirements or limitations on the contents of political advertisements, and it

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contains no provisions relating to who is or is not a
"supporter" of a candidate.

I hope that this has answered your questions. If you have
any additional questions about the Political Reform Act, the
Commission's Legal or Technical Assistance and Analysis
Divisions will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,



Dan Stanford
Chairman

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Dear Mr. Stanford;

Please give me a lesson in "Fair Political Practices" regarding an Independent who cannot appear on a June Primary Ballot, but who launches a re-election campaign, none-the-less.

Enclosed is a copy of Ray Johnson's political ad for his formal "kick off". My question is, "With this announcement, is Senator Ray Johnson subject to the same financial reporting rule as are the partisan candidates? If so, can you furnish me with copies of his disclosure affidavits? If not, why not?

Because of my very vocal objections to the obvious Johnson support from the ranks of Republican notables that are listed in the ad, I have been told by friends of theirs that they were not aware that they would be listed as supporters when they purchased a ticket for this affair. If this was, indeed, the case, is it a "Fair Political Practice"?

I am the President of the Auburn Area Republican Women, Fed. and it is my aim to provide information to my members and to the members of the other Republican Women groups within Senate District #1.

Therefore, I will appreciate any comments you can send me by speedy return mail. Thank You!

Sincerely,

Phyllis Matteis

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CC/ Etta Beall, Director
District #3 - Rep. Women

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Paid Political Advertisement

Johnson launches re-election effort

Senator Ray Johnson will kick off his re-election campaign in Placer County at a dinner January 27 in Johnson Hall on the Placer County Fairgrounds in Roseville.

The event will begin with cocktails at 6 p.m. A steak dinner will follow at 7:30 p.m. B. T. Collins, former director of the California Conservation Corps and colorful Republican chief of staff to former Governor Jerry Brown, will be the master of ceremonies.

Come join with us in saluting Senator Ray Johnson, our independent voice in Sacramento:

Harold T. "Blizz" Johnson, Msgr. James Corcoran, Bob Mahan, Alex Ferrelra, Terry Cook, Richard Rocucci, Martha Riley, George Buljan, June Wanish, Will Linton, Pete Hill, Clarke Dominguez, George Wofford, Dan Higgins, Bud Pisarek, Henry Gonzales, Richard Azevedo, Paul Brocker,



California State Senator
Ray Johnson

Jack Parnell, Carole Onorato, Ross Riolo, Edwin Koster, Ray Yamasaki, Jack Shelley, Don Nunes, Al Nitta, James Bush, Frank Nutt, Carol Hamel, Mel Hamel, Mike Totaro, Joe Chevreaux, Lyman Leak, Mick McCartney, Bob Noyes, Bob Flocchini, Bob Jimenez, John Carnebecca.

For tickets contact Mahan-Santucci's Roseville Liquor, 783-9200 or call 782-6945 or 788-5505.

Paid for by The Senator Ray Johnson Dinner Committee.

What loyalties?

Editor,

I'n regards to to the recent paid political advertisement for Senator Ray Johnson and his up-coming steak dinner/fundraiser, I wonder how many readers noticed the list of sponsors. I found it intersting that there were many prominent local Democrats named as sponsors of a former Republican.

This leaves me with doubt as to where, if re-elected, Senator Johnson's loyalties will lie. In a legislature already controlled by Democrats, we need the strength of candidates who are firm in their convictions and work with and for their party. Senator Johnson abandoned the ideals and party he represented for years and is now engrossed in prolonging his own career and individual stature at the expense of all his former constituents.

It's no wonder the Democrats are anxious to pamper him.

Sincerely,
A disappointed Republican and
former Johnson supporter

The above letter is not mine.
I sign all my stuff.

M. J. L.

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Politics In Review

GOP's Party Purges



By Martin Smith, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE ATTEMPT TO expel Roy Brophy of Sacramento and Mike Montgomery of Pasadena from the GOP State Central Committee has a bad smell to it.

On the surface, it's comic. It gives the appearance of a ridiculous effort by a few superannuated Young Republican types who are unable to outgrow the vicious but essentially unimportant games played in the YR political sandbox. There may be a good bit more to the nastiness than that, however.

The ouster attempt has the earmarks of an indirect move by some far-right Republicans against Gov. Deukmejian and an effort to get back at Brophy and Montgomery for supporting Deukmejian in the 1982 GOP gubernatorial primary over the choice of the party's New Right wing, then-Lt. Gov. Mike Curb.

Brophy and Montgomery, who is a former state party chairman, stand formally accused of the horrendous crime of supporting the re-election of the state Senate's only independent member, veteran conservative Ray Johnson, over the likely Republican nominee, first-term John Doolittle.

THE CHARGE against Brophy and Montgomery, however, ignores the reality of the situation, which is that Johnson was a longtime GOP loyalist who was betrayed by a few other Republican senators during the reapportionment process. Johnson betrayed no one himself.

Johnson did disappoint Doolittle's backers and anyone else who thought Johnson would roll over and play dead when, as a result of the reapportionment games, his sprawling 13-county 1st Senate District was snatched out from under him and, in effect, presented to Doolittle as a gift.

Instead, Johnson simply moved his residence back into the redrawn 1st District and dropped his Republican registration. He'll be competing as an independent in this November's general election contest against both the anticipated GOP nominee, Doolittle, and whomever the Democrats pick in their primary.

Brophy and Montgomery are among the Republicans who have made it plain they think that Johnson is still the cream of that crop, despite the fact that, for this year at least, he's no longer bearing the GOP label.

THAT SUPPORT may have provided the occasion for an early skirmish in what could become a major struggle for control of the California Republican Party in the post-Ronald Reagan era. That era will begin immediately after November's general election when, even if he wins another four-year term, the president will be a lame duck and the leadership of both the state and national GOP will be up for grabs.

Deukmejian clearly thinks he, as governor, should be the undisputed leader of the state party. Some of those who identify more with the New Right wing of the party than

they do with the traditional Republican conservatism of George Deukmejian will be working against him, either openly or on the sly.

The New Rightists have had things pretty much their own way within the California GOP in recent

years. They refused to let the New Right place him in an awkward position through his friends. At a press conference last week, the governor, when asked if he is backing Doolittle or Johnson, indicated both are acceptable to him.

"They're both very fine gentlemen and friends of mine."

And he flatly opposed the expulsion effort by warning all Republicans:

"We're a minority party as it is."

Curb personally seems to have nothing to do with the ouster effort. He's in the East now, doing what he does best — raising money, this time for the national party. California Republican leaders generally feel, that the former lieutenant governor won't be a candidate for public office again.

THERE'S ALSO AN ironic side to the move against Montgomery. The rule permitting ousters of Republican State Central Committee members for violating party orthodoxy was adopted when he presided over the state GOP.

Commenting sardonically on the attempt to drop him from the state committee, Montgomery said recently:

"I remember the old days when Earl Warren was the nominee of both parties."

But Montgomery went happily along with the rule change, which not only makes the California GOP less hospitable today to moderate Republicans in the Warren tradition but can cause trouble even for mainline conservatives like Deukmejian and Montgomery.



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years; that is, until Deukmejian ran for governor. When he entered the 1982 GOP gubernatorial primary, most of the party's leaders fell into line behind the New Right choice, then-Lt. Gov. Curb.

Brophy and Montgomery were among the exceptions. And so was Ray Johnson who helped Deukmejian campaign in the primary in rural Northern California. Now, in backing Johnson, Brophy and Montgomery have made themselves targets of opportunity for the New Right diehards.

To his credit, Deukmejian has

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